SUPPORT <u>CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & LIMITED EXECUTIVE</u> ORDERS Hearing: Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of continuing Governor Lamont's Emergency Declarations and also in support of Limited Executive Orders.

Covid is a worldwide pandemic and new variants can pop up at the drop of a hat, just like Omicron did. We have no way of predicting what is going to happen next, when the next variant will arrive or how contagious and deadly it will be. Although CT's vaccination rates may be better than in other parts of the country, a virus such as Covid-19 knows no boundaries. That is why it is imperative that Governor Lamont maintain the flexibility to react quickly.

Although we are looking hopeful now, we know there may be another variant coming our way. Many people who have comorbidities or are elderly will be unable to get to the polls and may then be disenfranchised. So we need to respond to our changing pandemic environment.

Many people will appreciate being able to vote by absentee ballot using the Covid AB option.

Thank you Jody Kesten February 7th, 2022